



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appl. No. : 08/879,139  
Applicant : Carl R. Merrill et al  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action December 12, 2004, for three months from March 12, 2004 to June 14, 2004. Enclosed is a check for Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$950) to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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